

# City of Beaverton

## Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

### Minutes – November 3, 2009

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#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Ernie Conway.

#### **Present:**

Chair Ernie Conway, Vice Chair Bjoern Brunner, Dave Brown, Dana Barnes, Barbara Chapnick, Mike Mulligan, Will Cortez, Officer James Patrick, City Staff Liaison Margaret Middleton, Senior Transportation Planner.

#### **Absent:**

Mary Elizabeth Smith.

#### **Visitors:**

Bruce Buffington NWSC, Michelle Poyourow BTA, Jim Parsons, Brian Walker.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes of October 2009 were approved as written. Barnes/Chapnick (7/0).

#### **Staff Communications**

Police: Nothing new to report.

Transportation: Staff liaison Margaret Middleton reported that the full draft TSP was reviewed by the City Council and the Planning Commission at an October Work Session. A public hearing and work session with the Planning Commission is scheduled for December 9. She noted that there was concern about the 125<sup>th</sup> extension not being included in the newest high priority project list, and that the project list is quite different than in past due to the selection criteria. It is based on Metro's new focus on corridors, providing a more complete multimodal system, and on new performance standards. There will be a series of public hearings on the draft TSP, and she encouraged participation.

**Visitors:** Jim Parsons said that the concrete at the Watson railroad crossing at Farmington Road is cracked and lifting. Mike and Barbara said it is a hazard. Staff is aware of the problem and will work with the P&W Railroad to get it repaired. [It is within railroad right of way so is their responsibility.] Michelle Poyourow asked about the bicycle education provided to Beaverton schools. Officer Patrick and Bruce Buffington, Northwest Safety Council (NWSC) described several ways that they work with schools and how there is a strong program between schools and NWSC. Michelle stated that the Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) also provides a 10-day class to schools, which costs about \$800 to \$1,000 should schools be interested.

## **New Business**

### **BTA Presentation**

Michelle Poyourow from the BTA described how BTA has worked with TriMet on transit-related bike issues for many years. She talked about BTA's initial work to make sure that bikes were accommodated on light rail and commuter rail, the more recent issues relating to a growing number of bikes on light rail and buses, and their most recent project to provide secure bike stations at Sunset and Beaverton Transit Centers.

Michelle also spoke about the additional bus operator training to educate bus drivers about cyclists' behaviors and how to safely drive around cyclists. BTA also mapped bus/bike conflict areas in the region and surveyed cyclists about many cyclist-related issues. BTA also worked with TriMet on bus stop design that better accommodates bicyclists and end of trip issues. BTA has also been involved in the Regional Transportation Plan update and the Columbia River Crossing design, as well as lobbying at the federal level.

## **Old Business**

### **Bike Beaverton 2010**

Amy Miner sent her apologies that she was not able to attend. She let staff know that about \$4,500 should cover marketing for Bike Beaverton 2010. Bruce Buffington from NWSC said he was here at Barbara's invitation to talk about how NWSC would be involved in Bike Beaverton 2010. He noted that he already had it on their calendar and will be participating.

The group discussed Bruce Buffington's school bicycle rodeos and the details of how they work and their history. It was decided that it was not an option to combine one with Bike Beaverton. Both Officer Patrick and Bruce agreed that Bike Beaverton worked very well this year, and told the committee: "if it's not broken, don't fix it. It was a great event—build on it!"

The committee reiterated the challenges of coordinating the volunteers. They agreed that they would all volunteer to help out more this year and start planning the event earlier. They discussed using the same route with a couple minor tweaks. Ernie suggested also having a longer route for those who wanted it. Another suggestion was an around-the-block route for the little ones. Bruce also made the point that NWSC does thousands of hours of volunteering in a year, all without having a paid manager. He suggested tapping a volunteer through other volunteer sources and bike clubs. The BAC decided to make it easier and just use ride marshals and not recruit cheerleaders next year. Marshals are easy to recruit and the cheerleaders and marketing were the cause of all the long hours for Barbara. Now that the committee chose the date early, the marketing materials can go out with other City marketing pieces and be incorporated into the City calendar, too. Bruce volunteered to add the event to all of his marketing. He asked someone to come on his CCTV show to talk about it as well. The committee asked to have the drum line back again; it was a highlight.

Staff asked the Chair to give her potential dates that he is available in December to be at a Council meeting to give a brief presentation about the event and other BAC activities.

## **Committee Communications**

THPRD Trails Committee Update: Dave Brown reported that the committee talked about mid block crossings. Dave also reported that he and another member presented information on

soft surface trails for bikes. They will be developing a proposal to explore the idea and will take it to the Board in future.

Member Communications: Members were asked about submitting another article for Your City. The chosen subjects were right turning vehicle and cyclist conflicts and no parking in bike lanes. Mike offered to write the articles again.

Dana noted she cannot attend the December 1 meeting.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on **December 1** at 6:30 p.m. in the **2nd** Floor Conference Room of City Hall.